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SUBJECT: PRESS ATTENTION TO ALLEGED US NUCLEAR PLANNING

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1. SECOND GERMAN TV (ZDF) JOURNALIST MOENKMEYER CALLED THE EMBASSY ON AUGUST 5 TO REPORT THAT THE STATE COURT IN WIESBADEN HAD ISSUED A JUDGMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT A RETRACTION MUST BE GIVEN ON THE SHOW DAS MAGAZIN SCHEDULED FOR TELECAST ON AUGUST 6 AT 20:15 HOURS LOCAL.

MOENKMEYER CONTINUED THAT THE RETRACTION, IN EFFECT, WOULD MEAN THAT THE STERN ARTICLE WHICH CHARGED THE US PLANNED TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST GERMAN CITIES WOULD BE SUBSTANTIATED. MOENKMEYER ASKED FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF A STATEMENT WHICH MIGHT BE USED TO OBTAIN A STAY OF THE JUDGMENT. HE STATED FURTHER THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER SUFFICIENT TIME REMAINED FOR ZDF TO ACCOMPLISH THIS EVEN IF THE

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EMBASSY WERE TO RESPOND.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS SENT A STATEMENT TO ZDF IN MAINZ
TO THE EFFECT THAT INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN INITIATED WITH
WASHINGTON AGENCIES ABOUT THIS MATTER AND THAT WE HOPE TO
BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT AN EARLY
DATE. .

3. PROMPT WASHINGTON GUIDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
IF THE RETRACTION IS MADE ON AUGUST 6 AS ORDERED, WE
ANTICIPATE THE PRESS WILL PICK UP THE STORY AND SEEK
FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE EMBASSY.
HILLENBRAND

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